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SUBJ PM TRUDEAU ON TIME AND READERS DIGEST TAX STATUS

DURING ORAL QUESTION PERIOD IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON NOVEMBER 19,
FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE ON TAX STATUS OF TIME AND READERS
DIGEST:

STANFIELD (LEADER OF OPPOSITION): "I SHOULD LIKE TO DIRECT
A QUESTION OR TWO TO THE PRIME MINISTER RELATING TO CERTAIN
MATTERS THAT WERE NOT CLARIFIED BY THE BUDGET ADDRESS LAST
EVENING. THE FIRST RELATES TO THE TAX STATUS ENJOYED BY
TIME MAGAZINE AND READER'S DIGEST. IS IT THE DECISION OF THE
GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENT STATUS?"

TRUDEAU: "OBVIOUSLY IF NOTHING WAS SAID IN THE BUDGET,
NOTHING IS CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME. THIS DOES NOT
PRECLUDE ANY FURTHER ACTION."

STANFIELD: "AM I TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS
SAYING IS THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN. IF THAT IS
THE SITUATION INDICATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, WHEN
MAY WE EXPECT A DECISION SINCE THE GENERAL IMPRESSION
HAS BEEN CREATED THAT PERHAPS THE SITUATION WOULD HAVE
BEEN COVERED IN THE COURSE OF THE BUDGET."

TRUDEAU: "WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT GENERAL
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IMPRESSION THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION HAS GLEANED

FROM GOD KNOWS WHERE, BUT SO FAR AS THE FIRST PART
OF THE QUESTION IS CONCERNED, THAT IS RIGHT; NO
DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AND THE MATTER IS STILL BEFORE
CABINET."
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